

# Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

July 2017

## House Bill 280 (Campus Carry) Update

- Went into effect on July 1, 2017.
- Allows weapons carry license-holders to carry handguns on university property (owned and leased) – changes do not apply to long guns.
- Must carry in a “concealed” manner – defined as: “Carried in such a fashion that does not actively solicit the attention of others, and is not prominently, openly, and intentionally displayed except for purposes of defense of self or others.”
- Prohibited areas on campus: intercollegiate athletic sporting facilities, residence halls and fraternity/sorority houses, preschool/childcare space, classes with high school students enrolled, offices (faculty, staff, and administrative), and disciplinary proceedings.
- Enforcement: Georgia College Police Department.
- Applicable information may be found at: [www.usg.edu/hb280](http://www.usg.edu/hb280) or <http://www.gcsu.edu/publicsafety/campus-carry>.

## Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) Annual Report

Through its programs, the Center for Teaching and Learning at Georgia College advances and supports engaged teaching and learning strategies that reflect the institution mission to “take learning beyond the traditional classroom and develop the intellectual, professional, and civic skills and dispositions that enable graduates to thrive in an information-intensive and diverse global society.”

The Center for Teaching and Learning recently published its annual report which is available at:

[https://issuu.com/georgiacollege/docs/2017\\_ctl\\_annual\\_report](https://issuu.com/georgiacollege/docs/2017_ctl_annual_report)

## Key Upcoming Dates

August 1	Faculty Contract Start Date
August 1-4	New Faculty Orientation
August 14	Making Excellence Inclusive faculty day
August 15	Governance Retreat
August 16	College/Department Assessment
August 17	“Welcome Back Faculty” Breakfast
August 18	First Year Convocation
August 21	Classes begin

## Congratulations...

**Dr. Lee Gillis, Psychological Sciences**, for securing an additional \$5,604 in external funding from the Enviro Wildness School Association to provide research and evaluation services for their Shunda Creek Treatment program. This grant will support activities through March 31, 2018.

**Dr. Dave Bachoon, Biological and Environmental Sciences**, for *Development and Implementation of a Water Quality Restoration Strategy at the San Juan Bay Estuary Watershed* University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus. Samples from sampling events at each of the 30 subbasins will be analyzed for the presence of human and bird fecal pollution. The award is for \$8,000.

**Dr. Kristin English, Mass Communications**, was one of 15 educators statewide to be named a 2017 Governor's Teaching Fellow (GTF). This selective program assists faculty in increasing their knowledge of new technologies and innovative instruction for the classroom.

**Evan Leavitt, Ina Dillard Russell Library**, whose study room etiquette poster was one of four winners in the category for Bibliographies/Booklists/Materials promoting Collections, Services, Resources for libraries with budgets under \$5 million. The recognition was from the PR XChange Awards Competition, under the direction of the Public Relations and Marketing Community of Practice, Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA).

## Space Reservation & Utilization Steering Committee

The *Georgia College Space Reservation & Utilization Steering Committee* was charged by the Provost in June 2017 to review current practices and identify ways that would help improve operations and become more effective and efficient when reserving space for academic as well as non-academic activities. The Committee will meet during the 2017-2018 academic year and its work coincides with the fact that the current software employed (R25) is no longer being serviced and needs to be replaced as soon as possible. The charge to the committee is as follows:

1. Identify and recommend the next software package to be used by GC for classroom and room request/assignments. In the process,
  - a. Consider software that will maximize the use of our classroom space.
  - b. Consider software that will maximize use of innovative pedagogical classrooms.
2. Review the current document regarding policy and procedure for the reservation of university space and facilities for all non-academic or non-credit activities (pages 3-8) and recommend changes, if needed.
3. Review classroom assignment practice and policy and recommend changes, if needed.

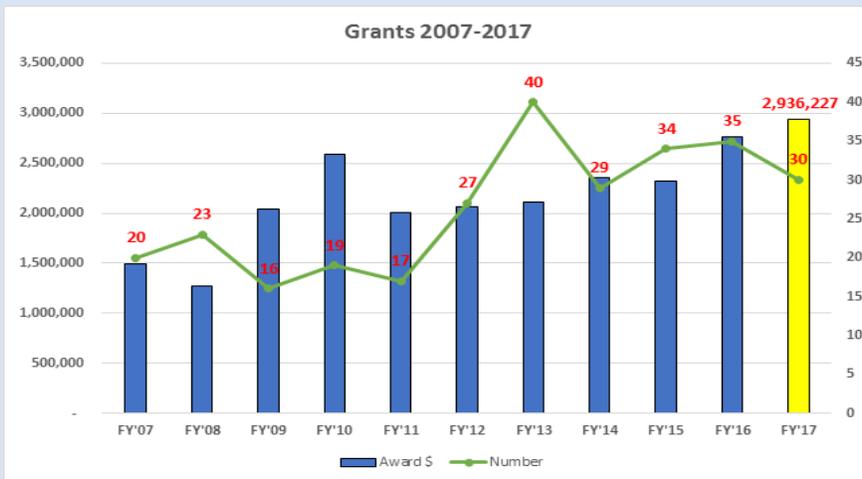
The Membership of the *Georgia College Space Reservation & Utilization Steering Committee* includes:

Ken McGill, co-chair, Arts & Sciences  
 Kay Anderson, Office of the Registrar  
 Mark Pelton, Extended University  
 Costas Spirou, Office of Academic Affairs  
 Jon Meyer, Campus Life  
 Sara Stallings, University Advancement  
 University Senate representative

Bob Orr, co-chair, Chief Information Officer  
 Chris Ferland, Institutional Research & Effectiveness  
 Michael Rickenbaker, Facilities Planning  
 Artis Williamson, Continuing Education and Public Services  
 Mark Duclos, Facilities Operations  
 Donna Bennett, Russell Library  
 Kelli Brown, sponsor/ex-officio, Office of Academic Affairs

### Grants & Sponsored Projects Update

This year ended with the highest award dollars to GC, a 96% increase since 2007.



The Office of Grants & Sponsored Projects (OGSP) is the university's authoritative agent for the submission of proposals and acceptance of awards for sponsored projects on behalf of GC. OGSP review and approval is required for all proposals, applications, concept papers, contracts, and subcontracts, hereinafter referred to collectively as "proposals," whether public or private sponsors, requesting funds and/or committing University resources (e.g. personnel, space, funds, equipment and facility use, etc.). This also includes all pre-proposals or letters upon which a grantor may base a decision to fund, and governmental scholarship and fellowship applications, which if awarded, will be paid to the university (not directly to the individual). All sponsored project proposals for grants, contracts, and agreements are to be reviewed and approved by the Office of Grants & Sponsored Programs before submission to the external sponsor.

### The PhD Project

The College of Business is participating in The PhD Project which encourages underrepresented minorities to pursue business Ph.D.'s by creating role models and mentors in business schools throughout the U.S. As the national spotlight focuses directly on diversity in higher education, colleges and universities are seeking meaningful ways to demonstrate their efforts to increase diversity. Improving faculty diversity is one of the most effective ways to signal commitment to that goal. Participation in The PhD Project expresses a college's intent to become more proactive in attracting minority faculty.

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